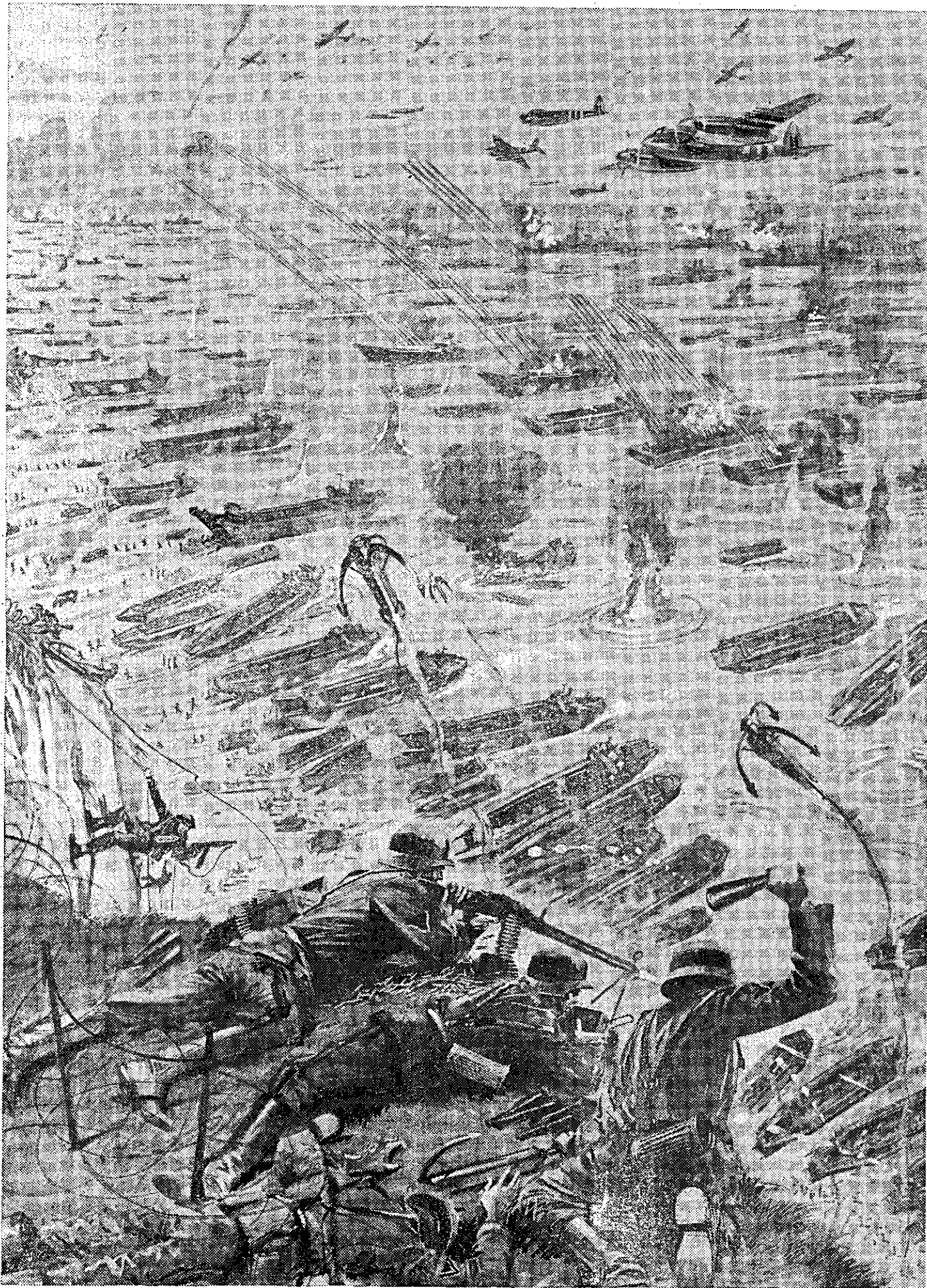


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TWENTY YEARS AFTER

A LITTLE after midnight on 5th-6th June, 1944, Allied bombers made a concentrated attack on German defences on the Normandy coast. This began the great assault on German-held Europe—the biggest combined operation (land, sea, and air) in the history of war.

At 2.30 a.m. nearly 2,400 troop-carrying aircraft and over 800 gliders landed parachutists and airborne forces behind the coastal defences.

Before dawn, more than 300 minesweepers cleared channels for the invasion craft approaching through the night.

Naval Guns

Then, as 1,000 merchant vessels, with hundreds of special landing craft, packed with troops, approached the beaches between the Cherbourg peninsula and the River Orne, naval guns opened up. They fired 2,000 tons of shells every ten minutes.

The troops began landing soon after 6.30 that June morning and, thanks to clever deceptive tactics beforehand, achieved almost complete surprise. The Germans had looked for an invasion farther north.

By midnight, 35 miles of enemy coast had been captured. Hitler's vaunted West Wall had been breached—for good.

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IN BRITAIN NOW



SUCH A BUSY YEAR FOR THE MINT

The Royal Mint had quite a busy time last year; 769,548,024 coins were struck, nearly 463 million of them for the United Kingdom—the second highest total on record.

There was a big output of gold sovereigns, too, the total of 10,400,000 being the largest since 1915 (the second year of the First World War). These gold coins are kept at the Bank of England as part of the nation's reserves. Occasionally some are released for circulation in Middle Eastern countries.

The coins minted for the United Kingdom were: 17,572,800 half-crowns; 25,580,000 florins; 78,520,000 shillings; 124,860,000 sixpences; 37,432,000 threepenny-pieces; 134,013,600 pennies; and 44,959,200 halfpennies. There were also 4,674 Maundy coins.

The remainder of the Mint's output, about 38 per cent. of the total, was for overseas governments. It included 296 million coins for Ceylon and Cyprus.

In addition to coins, the Royal Mint issued 47,992 medals and decorations.

100 YEARS OF A LIFEBOAT STATION

The Barrow branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution is this year celebrating its centenary. In those 100 years, lifeboats from this station have saved 196 lives and aided scores of vessels in distress.

The first lifeboat, the *Commercial Traveller*, was appointed to the station in 1864, and served for 14 years. The present lifeboat is the *Herbert Leigh*.

GLASGOW'S OWN

Another nameplate from a retired steam locomotive has found a happy home. It is from No. 46242, *City of Glasgow*, which once hauled express trains between Glasgow Central and London (Euston).

The nameplate is now a permanent feature of Glasgow's new Transport Museum.

HERE ARE TODAY'S TOP MEN

It seems that the top men of today have at least one thing in common—the name of Smith. Some revealing statistics about them have been given in the preface to the new edition of *The Directory of Directors*.

It points out that there "are 316 Smiths in this edition (not counting Smyths, Smythes, and hyphenated-Smiths), which gives them a lead of 142 on the Joneses."

The Directory shows that 789 Smiths hold appointments on the boards of companies. The seven pages of Smiths include a baronet, two knights, four deputy

lieutenants, seven justices of the peace, one Knight Commander of the Victorian Order, one Grand Cross of the Victorian Order, four with the title of Commander of the British Empire, and 22 others with an honour or decoration.

So, all you young Smiths, there's a chance for you on the board when schooldays are over!

Incidentally, there is no Miss Smith listed in the Directory. Come along, girls!

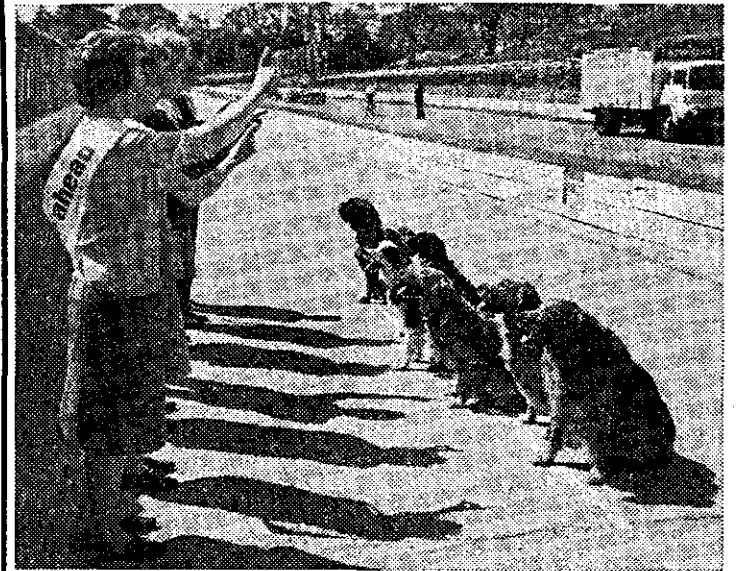
PENGUIN PRESENT

The London Zoo has been given four penguins which have been brought from the Antarctic island of South Georgia in the ice patrol ship, *HMS Protector*.

It seems to me...

THINK—AND THINK AGAIN

MY picture this week shows members of Beckenham (Kent) Dog Training Club demonstrating how to keep dogs under control on the public highway.



We can't be too careful on the roads ourselves nowadays — the terrible casualty figures for last Bank Holiday (Whitsun) weekend emphasise that.

Remember, when you are out and about, always to think of other people as well as yourself. You may not suffer if you walk or ride carelessly, but someone else could. A car-driver, for example, trying to avoid a careless boy on a bike, may swerve and hit

another car, or mount the pavement and knock down pedestrians.

The words on the scarves worn by the club members in the picture read: THINK AHEAD. You might, too, add to this: THINK OF OTHERS. If all road users did both, the casualty figures would be dramatically reduced.

The Editor

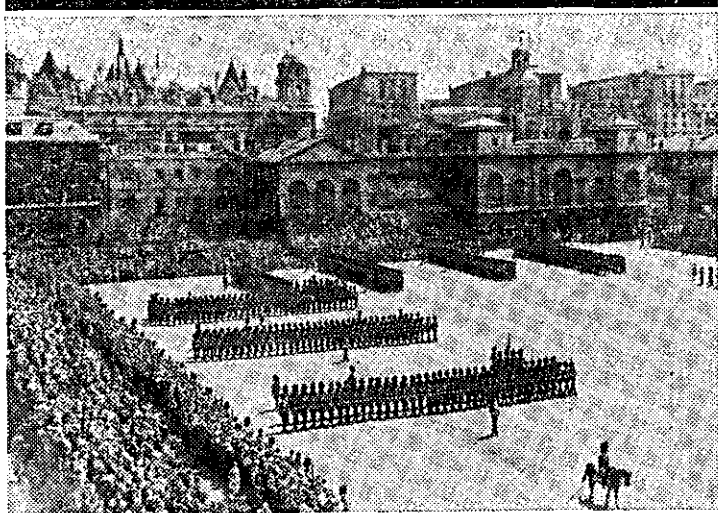
40 YEARS AGO

(From CN issue dated 7th June, 1924.)

"Mr. Lofly," who has just been to see us from Amsterdam, is 9 feet 3½ inches, so that there is at least one giant on the Earth in these days.

Mr. Lofly has for breakfast two soup plates of porridge, a huge steak, three helpings of fish, 15 eggs, seven slices of bread and butter, and eight cups of tea. His parents and brother and sisters are the ordinary size, but he grew to seven feet in his first seven years.

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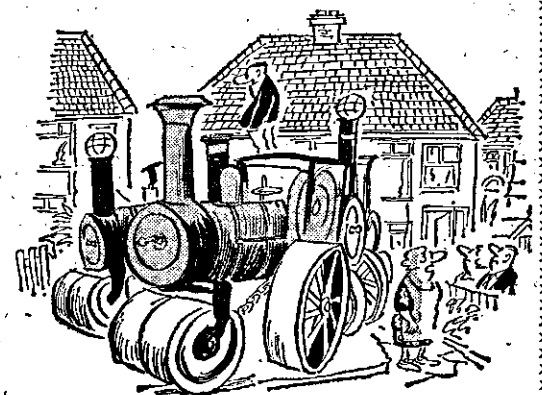
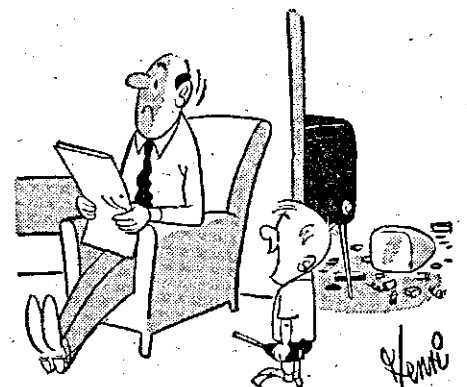
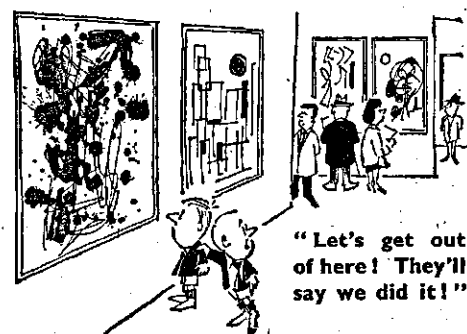
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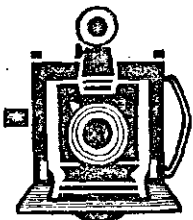
● NORTHWOOD, Middlesex: Pinto Collection of Wooden Bygones, Oxhey Woods House, Oxhey Drive, every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday until 30th September. Also August Bank Holiday Monday and the Tuesday following it

● RICHMOND, Surrey: Royal Horse Show, 11th-13th June

● BLACKPOOL: Start of the Tour of Britain cycle race, 7th-20th June

LAUGH TIME





KNOW YOUR NEWS

SHEIKS IN LONDON

SHEIKS from South Arabia are due in London next week for a conference with the British Government. They come from 13 Arab feudal States which enjoy British protection in this region called The Arab Protectorate.

In January last year these States merged their four-year-old Federation with Aden, the adjoining British colony.

Now the sheiks and their ministers are hoping that Mr. Sandys, the Colonial Secretary, will fix a firm date for the

opened in 1869, Aden boomed. Now everybody seems to want it. YEMEN, the mountainous desert land to the north which is now divided by rebellion, has long claimed Aden.

Half of Yemen is held by the rebel régime—not recognised by

In this he is supported by Abdullah al-Asnag, leader of the Aden People's Socialist Party, founded two years ago to buttress the local trade union movement.

Recently al-Asnag met Mr. Krushchev while the Russian leader was touring Egypt, and told him he wants to unite Aden and the local territories ruled by sheiks with Yemen.

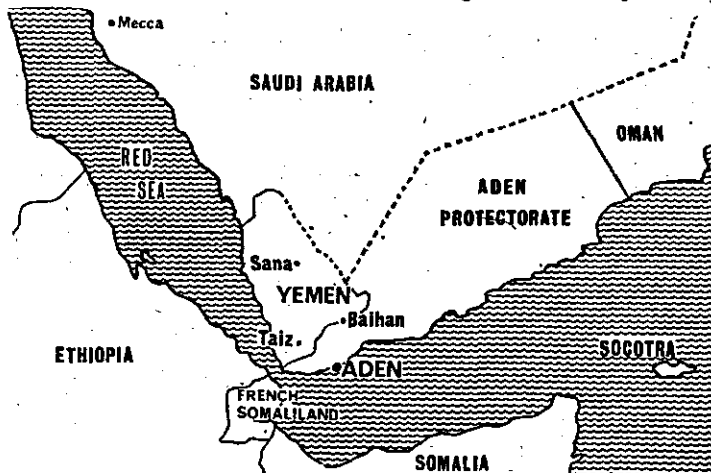
By Our Special Correspondent

He wants to get rid of the feudal rulers of this region and create a socialist government linked with the similar régimes in Egypt, Syria, Iraq, and Algeria.

Britain's reply is that, though the Arabs want democracy, they do not want to be ruled by other Arabs, like Nasser.

The British naval and air bases in Aden are considered vital to the dual task of protecting Arab States from outside attack and ensuring the flow of oil to Britain from the Persian Gulf.

See also pages 6 and 7



Map showing Aden and some of its neighbours

Federation's independence. And they also want millions of pounds for roads and other developments.

Above all, they want a new agreement on the great British base in Aden.

Britain has been in Aden 125 years, creating a world strong-point out of a village lying in the craters of two dead volcanoes.

When the Suez Canal was

Britain—of Abdullah Sallal. Fierce actions were recently fought in the Radfan Mountains between British troops and Yemeni tribesmen called the Red Wolves.

EGYPT is supplying Sallal with 40,000 Egyptian troops billeted in Yemen, and the declared aim of Egypt's President Nasser is to drive the British out of Aden and the Middle East.

READERS' LETTERS

FRIENDLY GUILLEMOT

Dear Sir,—We found a guillemot on the beach at Dengemarsh, near Dungeness, covered with tar from ships.



A "family" of guillemots at home on the rocks

He was starving, so we fed him on the dogfish we caught while fishing. He was very tame so we brought him home and he had a swim in our pond.

A week later we took him back to Dengemarsh, but after swim-

ming out to sea he came back. This happened four times, so we brought him home again. We hope that he will swim away later.

John Maundrell (10), East Peckham, Tonbridge.

FOX-HUNTING

Dear Sir,—I appreciate that your invitation for letters on fox-hunting applies mainly to your young readers, but they should be informed that foxes are bred and preserved for hunting—that is what fox coverts are for.

This Society will gladly send information to any CN readers.

Mrs. M. C. C. Chapman, National Society For The Abolition of Cruel Sports, 6 Bainton Road, Oxford.

DANISH CALL

Dear Sir,—I am teaching English and some of my pupils want to write to an English boy or girl.

I would be very pleased if you were able to give me the addresses of twelve boys and two girls (age 15).

Bente Knarkoj, Genésgade 5, Horsens, Denmark.

I've written to tell Miss Knarkoj I'm sure she'll get the pen-friends she asks for—so don't let me down! Editor.

CN CHESS CLUB

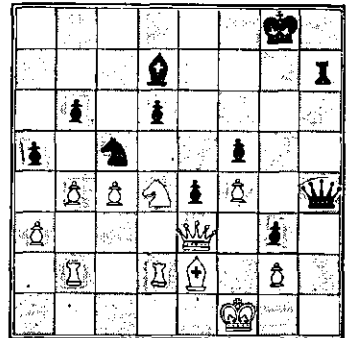
UNLESS there is a general strategic plan when players sit down to play chess, it is probable that the game will jog along from one blunder to the next.

When you play, make sure that your moves have a definite purpose, and are part of a scheme to outwit your opponent and checkmate his king.

The basic aim, at the beginning, is to gain control of the four central squares, K4, K5, Q4, Q5. The obvious way to do this is to move your King's pawn, or Queen's pawn, to occupy one of them. This is why so many chess masters open their games by playing either 1 P-K4 or 1 P-Q4.

Once you have occupied these squares, you must then develop your pieces. You should both attack your opponent's pawns and consolidate your own. These opening moves do just that:—

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-B4 | B-B4 |
| 4. P-Q3 | N-B3 |
| 5. N-B3 | P-Q3 |



This week's problem is from a game between two Russian Grandmasters, Keres and Petrosian. It is Black to move and after it White resigned. Can you find the move? Answer on page 12
T. MARSDEN

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THIS WIDE WORLD

BEATLES OF LONG AGO

The Beatles, it seems, were music makers long before a good many of us were born. Or, at least, a group called The Beatles were.

Workmen demolishing a building at Clyde, New York, uncovered a card announcing a dance to be held on 9th April, 1878, with "Music by The Beatles. Full Orchestra."

Perhaps one of your older relations remembers the Clyde Sound!

CLASSROOM CARPET

A carpet has been laid in a classroom at a boys' school in Masterton, New Zealand. The decrease in noise is said to have led to an increase in the progress of pupils.

The headmaster has found that the boys were able to hear the teacher more clearly, and were able to concentrate more fully on their work without being distracted by noise.

WRITING IN SPACE

Does the state of weightlessness in space flight affect a man's handwriting? To find the answer, Soviet scientists have been comparing letters, words, and sentences written during space flights with the writing of the cosmonaut while on the ground.

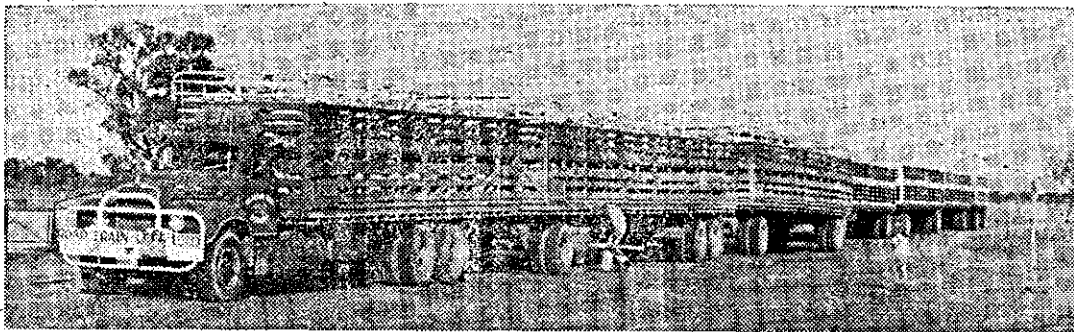
In the log books kept by cosmonauts, sentences were irregular, lines uneven, and letters differed in size and slanted to right or left. Some letters con-

tained wavy lines, as if the cosmonaut was trying to avoid pressing too hard for fear of breaking his pencil.

Analysis showed that spacemen soon adapted themselves to weightlessness, and that their movements gradually became more regular. But "cosmic writing" has distinctive features, explained by the fact that the movements of the arms are more free in a weightless state.

ALL ABOARD THE ROAD TRAIN!

Stretching away into the Australian distance, this huge cavalcade of trailers is, believe it or not, hauled by just one lorry! Called, appropriately enough, a road train, it is used for transporting flocks of sheep from place to place in New South Wales.



SWISS SCHOOLCHILDREN WANT TWO MOTOR COACHES

SWITZERLAND'S 700,000 schoolchildren have set themselves a target—to raise enough money to buy two motor coaches. They do not need the vehicles for their own use, but to take the country's 17,000 handicapped adults and children on holiday tours.

During the past year the schoolchildren have been working hard in support of a campaign,

launched by the Junior Red Cross, called Holidays for the Handicapped. They have been using their imagination in schemes to raise money for specially constructed coaches with low windows, movable seats with armrests, a ramp at the back which can be lowered for wheelchairs, and other facilities.

The campaign has been widely publicised, and the boys and girls, assisted by their teachers, have competed to find ways of raising money. They have washed cars, swept up dead leaves, become shoeshine boys, and mother's helpers.

"Lucky mistletoe"

In rural areas, they have worked as "assistant gardeners"; have organised squads to catch pests like moles and mice; gathered "lucky mistletoe" and sold it from door to door. Boys of a Basle school were allowed by farmers to harvest potatoes and apples and sell them. And there were the usual concerts, exhibitions, dances, and sales.

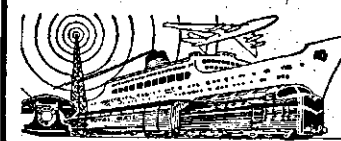
The result so far is remarkable—the schoolchildren have collected nearly enough to buy the two coaches, each costing several thousand pounds.

CENTRAL HEATING 2,000 YEARS AGO

A central heating system based on the circulation of hot air has been unearthed in a 2,000-year-old Roman villa in the Bordeaux district of France.

The system, frequently employed in Roman times, is in a perfect state of preservation, with baked clay airpipes, coloured bricks, and a hearth in which there were ashes.

BRIEFLY...



A Detroit man has become the ten-millionth visitor to the United Nations building in New York since the public-guided tours began in 1952. His name—Uno Laitinen.

Dinghy Builders

Under the direction of their handicraft master, Mr. N. Anfield, boys of the Ruffwood Comprehensive School at Kirkby, near Liverpool, have built a 14-foot sailing dinghy with a 23-foot mast.

A footbridge commemorating Dag Hammarskjöld, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, is to be built over First Avenue, New York, connecting the city with the UN area there.

Prince Philip is to visit Mexico, the Galapagos Islands, Panama, and islands of the West Indies in October and November.

Kenya is 114th

Kenya has become the 114th Member State of Unesco (the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation).

Ulster Eggs

British eggs have been exported to Canada for the first time—360,000 of them were sent from Ulster to Toronto.

THRILLS AND SUSPENSE

in every page of these two great new picture stories



FLYING FURIES

Squadron Leader Johnnie Medwin, D.F.C., had been appointed leader of a gay, undisciplined crowd of Americans serving with the R.A.F. He was not happy about it—and neither were they... so there was trouble from the start.

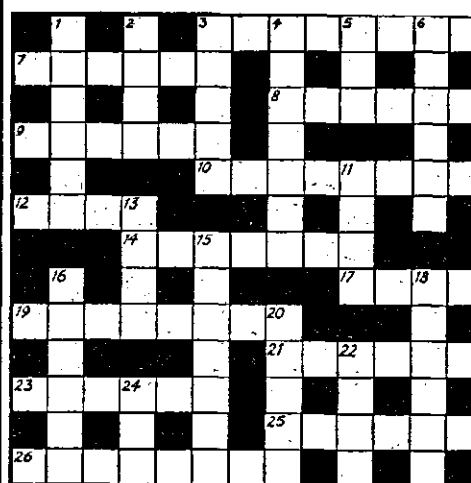


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Crossword Puzzle



Answer on page 12

ACROSS: 3 Theory and practice of government. 7 African dam. 8 Form of magic or sorcery. 9 Large monkey. 10 The end of the line. 12 Pay attention. 14 Ribbon decoration. 17 Fashion. 19 Forefront. 21 Cure. 23 Wooden hammer. 25 Pioneer of antiseptic surgery. 26 Rural. DOWN: 1 Control. 2 Building for storing fodder. 3 To colour. 4 Young hare. 5 Also. 6 Spring flower. 11 Detail. 13 Pull. 15 Strew. 16 It's capital is Ottawa. 18 The Artful... appears in Oliver Twist. 20 Training. 22 Bulk. 24 Fate.

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SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS

BEAT CITY IN THE WEST END

A GREAT new club for pop fans has opened in the heart of London's West End. Beat City, as it is called, caters for nearly 1,000 fans, and it could become as well-known as the Cavern Club of Liverpool.



The Chequers, one of many groups who appear at Beat City

With ample space, excellent refreshment, and a really exciting atmosphere, it has caught the eye of many influential people in show business, among them Brian Epstein, who is, of course, manager of The Beatles.

Beat City is in action every Saturday and Sunday, with disc sessions at 2.30 p.m., followed by live performances at 7.30. Saturday is for up-and-coming groups while Sunday is top stars day. Among those appearing during the next few weeks are: Joe Brown and The Bruvvers, The Animals, Kenny Lynch, and The Migil Five.

JANET'S WONDERFUL DAY

JANET GILL of Sydney, Australia, had a ninth birthday she'll never forget!

SISTERS



"Come down Fido—the big dog's gone now!"

TASTY DISH!

BAKED potatoes with cheese slices are always "hot" favourites, especially with campers.

You will need: One large potato per person, salt, pepper, and cheddar cheese for slicing. Scrub potatoes, prick well, and wrap each in aluminium foil. Stand them on stones or firm earth and build a fire round them. (They take approximately one hour to cook.) Unwrap foil, slit potato in half lengthways, season, and add a slice of cheese between the halves.

It began with a birthday picnic at Warragamba Dam—a vast reservoir supplying Sydney with water from 50 miles away.

As the family drove across an electric traffic counter near the dam, a group of officials stopped their car. To Janet's surprise, they shook her by the hand and congratulated her on becoming the two-millionth person to visit the dam since it opened in January, 1957.

From that moment, Janet's day changed from a family picnic into a fairytale-come-true. Her birthday was a round of treats . . . speedboat rides across the reservoir; a luncheon with a big cake for her to cut; presentations; speeches; red carpets. She was taken on a tour inside the dam and shown the gigantic electric power house.

She rose to the occasion magnificently and succeeded in making a graceful speech of thanks when her wonderful birthday came to an end.

Vicky

POP SPOT



Another Merseyside music-maker to find success overnight is BILLY FURY



BILLY FURY

AMONG many in the long line of successful Liverpoolian popsters is BILLY FURY—born 17th April, 1941, and christened Ronald Wycherley.

He went to sea in the Merchant Navy, working as a deckhand. When impresario Larry Parnes presented a show locally, he asked for an audition. Immediately Larry recognised Billy as a potential recording artist.

Billy's first disc, *Maybe Tomorrow*, went straight into the Hit Parade and his recording of *Halfway To Paradise* stayed there for 20 consecutive weeks. *Jealousy*, and *I'd Never Find Another You* won Billy a Silver disc.

In all he has had twelve consecutive Top-Twenty entries, including his latest.

Star of TV and Radio shows, Billy has also appeared in Paris and Holland; he had a fabulously successful summer season last year, followed in the autumn by a nation-wide tour of 61 night dates in just over ten weeks!

In the past two years he has been pipped at the post by Cliff Richard as the Top British Male Singer. This year he was voted third (after Elvis Presley and Cliff) in the Radio Luxembourg Poll.

His first film was *Play It Cool*. Now he's scheduled to make his first major wide-screen colour musical.

Fury favourites? Chicken, beef, melon—and fans, all of whom he regards as his friends.



HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

THE PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister (*prime*, or *premier*, means *first*) is chosen by the Queen, and his job is the most important political appointment in Britain. He is the man who is really responsible for running the country.



Sir Alec Douglas-Home, who became Prime Minister last October

We have not had Prime Ministers for very long in our history, the head of the Government becoming known as the Prime Minister only in the eighteenth century. Sir Robert Walpole (1721) is said to have been the first.

For very many years the title of Prime Minister was unofficial; it was made official only in 1937, by the Ministers of the Crown Act.

The Prime Minister, who is usually also First Lord of the Treasury, receives a salary of £10,000 a year. Some of this is tax-free, and in addition he has two free houses for his use while he is in office.

One of these is 10 Downing Street, which has been the home and the office of all our Prime Ministers since Walpole. The other is Chequers, a country mansion in Buckinghamshire,

which was endowed and given to the nation for the use of Prime Ministers in 1917.

A Prime Minister may be a member of either the House of Lords or the House of Commons. Of our 44 Prime Ministers, 18 have sat in the Upper House. Since 1902, however, all our Prime Ministers have been members of the House of Commons.

Odd Situation

An odd situation arose in 1963, when Lord Home became Prime Minister. At that time he was still a member of the House of Lords, but after a few days he gave up his peerage. Then, as Sir Alec Douglas-Home, he contested a by-election and won a seat in the Commons.

A Prime Minister holds office until the next General Election, but he can, of course, resign before then, if he wishes. For instance, Mr. Macmillan resigned as Prime Minister, in 1963, although he need not have done so until the General Election this year. But a man can only remain Prime Minister as long as he has the support and confidence of his party, or until he feels he can no longer do his job. Mr Macmillan resigned because of poor health.

Next **THE WORK OF THE**
week: **PRIME MINISTER**

TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE



DANGER TIME FOR BIRDS

THE spring and summer is the time of year when birds are breeding, and it is also the time when eggs and young birds are especially exposed to attacks from enemies.

Birds have many natural enemies quite apart from man. When eggs are temporarily left uncovered, there are various foes all ready and waiting to steal them. Crows, magpies, and jays are great egg-thieves.

There are also plunderers of eggs among the mammals. Squirrels are possibly the worst.

I have known a grey squirrel to destroy five nests and their contents in one small garden in a single day!

Rats, of course, come high on the list, and they do not stop at taking the eggs of song-birds. Stoats and weasels, too, like eggs now and then, and I fear that the hedgehog will also rob the nests

of those birds which build on the ground.

All these animals will take nestling birds as well, and so will grass snakes and adders. But remember that, except where game birds are reared, or where domestic chickens and ducks are concerned, it is probable that, unless there are too many gulls, magpies, rats or squirrels and other predators, the numbers of

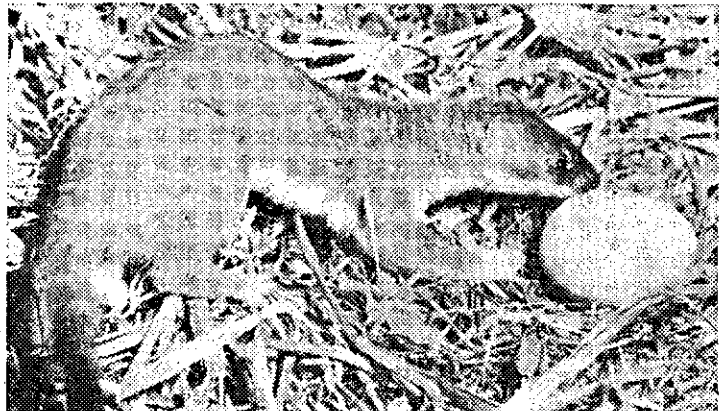
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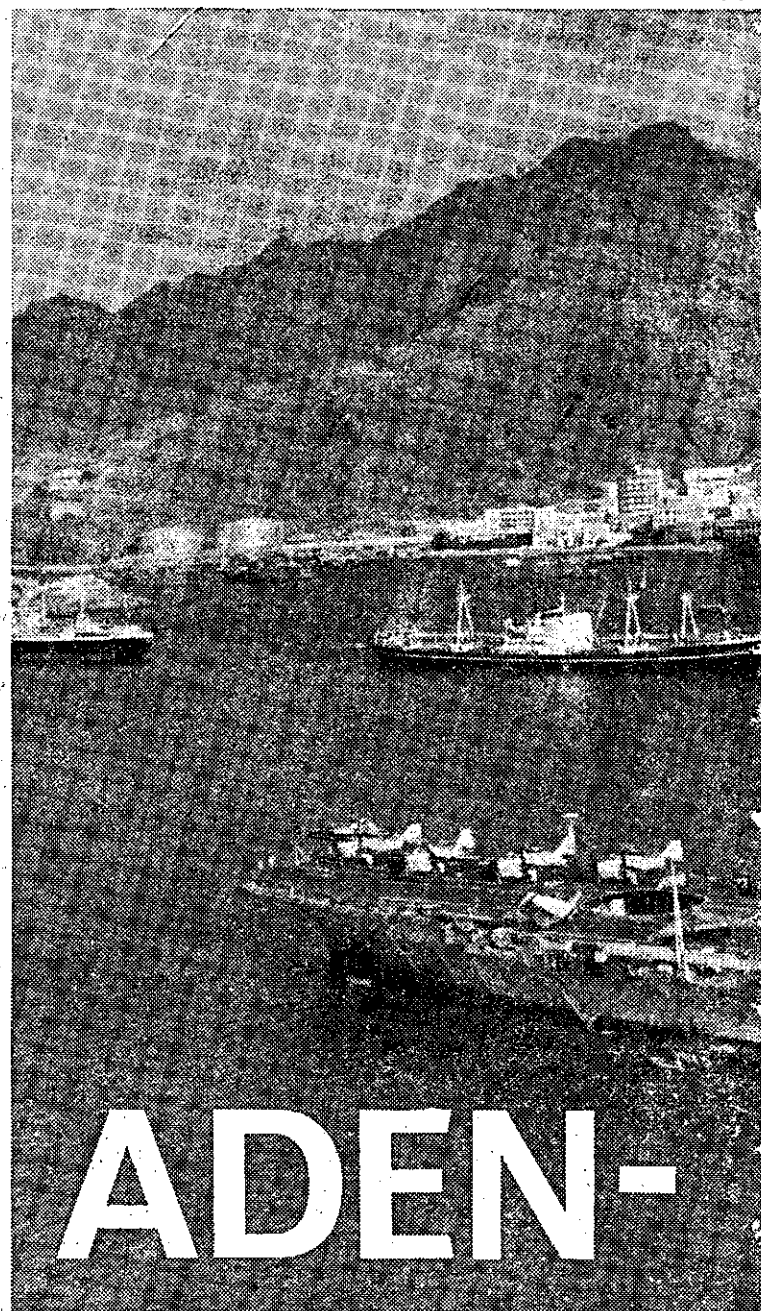
small birds that survive each year are sufficient for the various species to carry on.

Remember, too, that those birds and animals which take a toll of eggs and young should not in all cases be regarded as pests; they are only following their natural instincts.

All this should emphasise the sins of human egg-collectors, and should make you realise that birds have enough natural hazards to face without you and I making matters worse.



This stoat is just one of many egg-thieves



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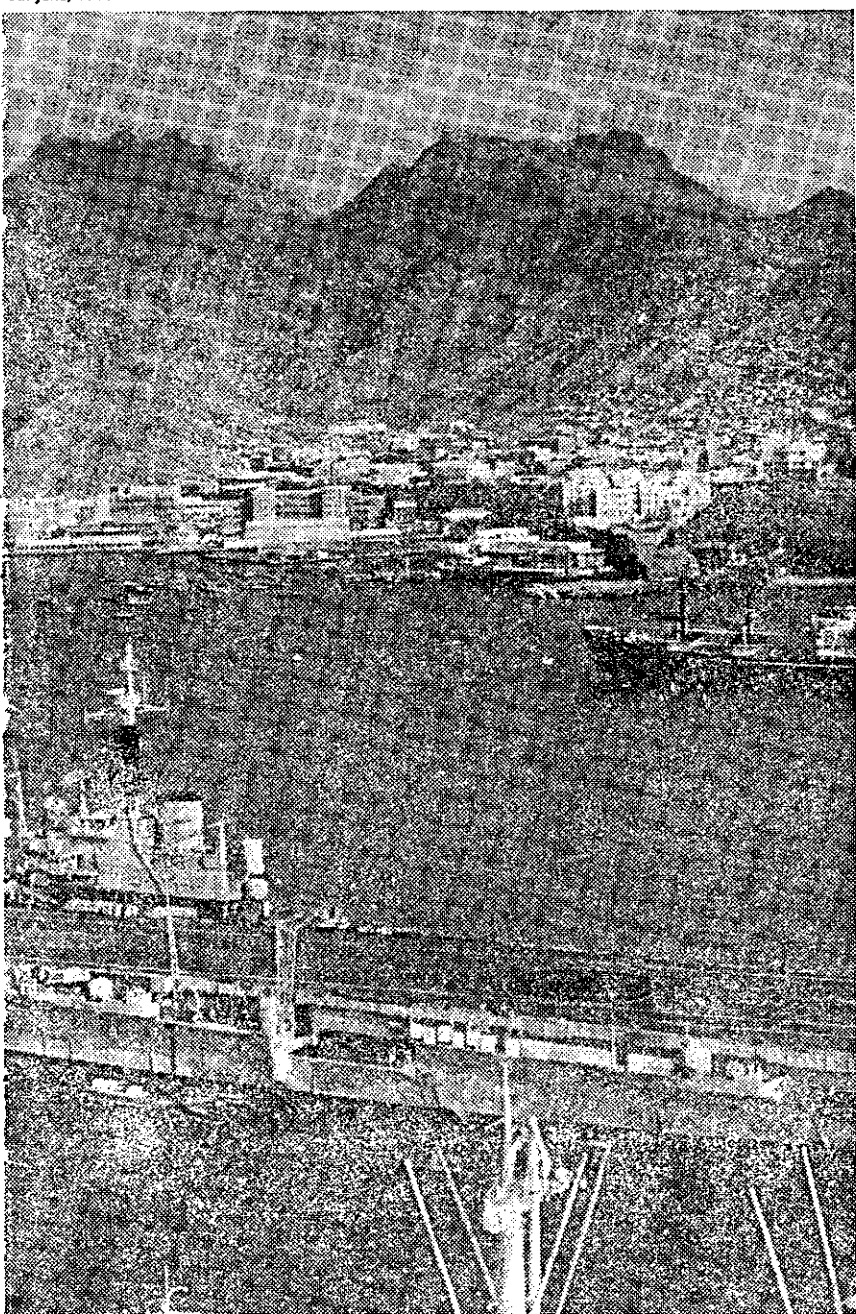
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Yemen republican soldiers. The man on the right has a Russian rifle

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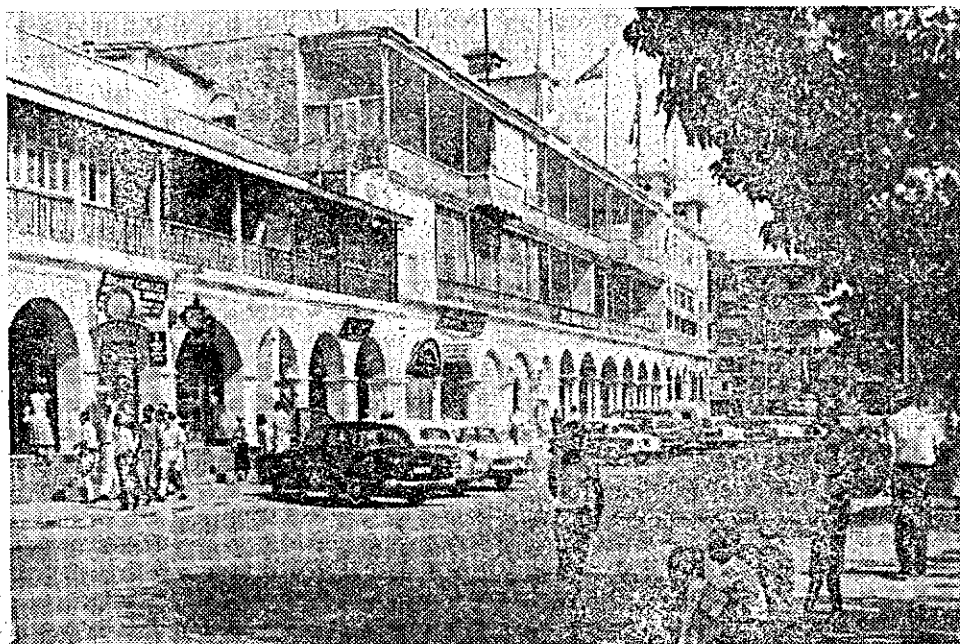
the ships calling there. Transformed from an obscure Arab town to a prosperous Western one, Aden is naturally envied by its Arab neighbour, Yemen. The presence of aircraft-carriers like HMS Centaur (above) able to defend wide areas, particularly annoys President Nasser of Egypt.



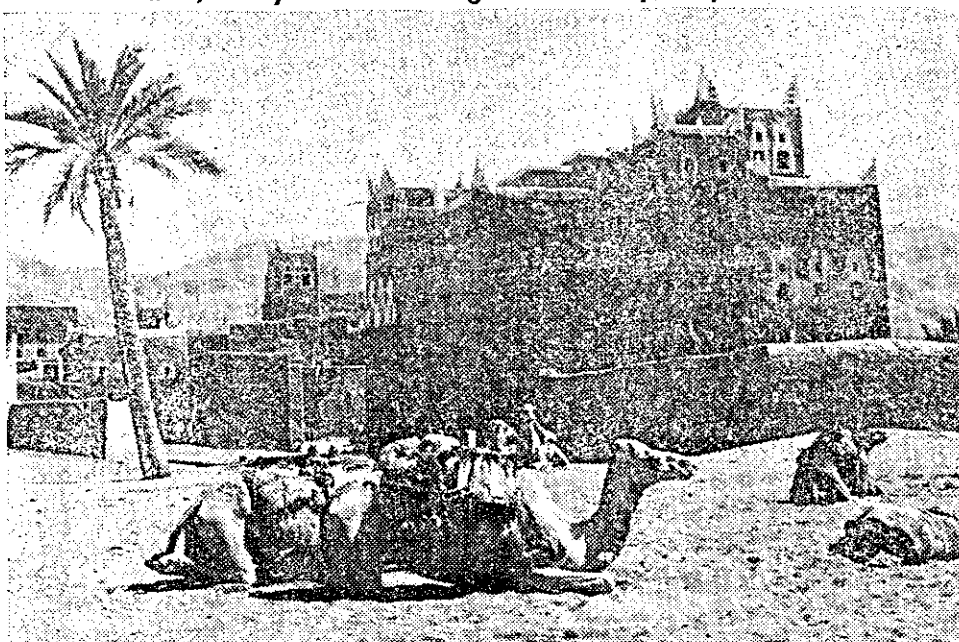
a paratroopers advancing to capture a fort held by Yemeni troops. Aden's inland trade has been interrupted by attacking Yemenis

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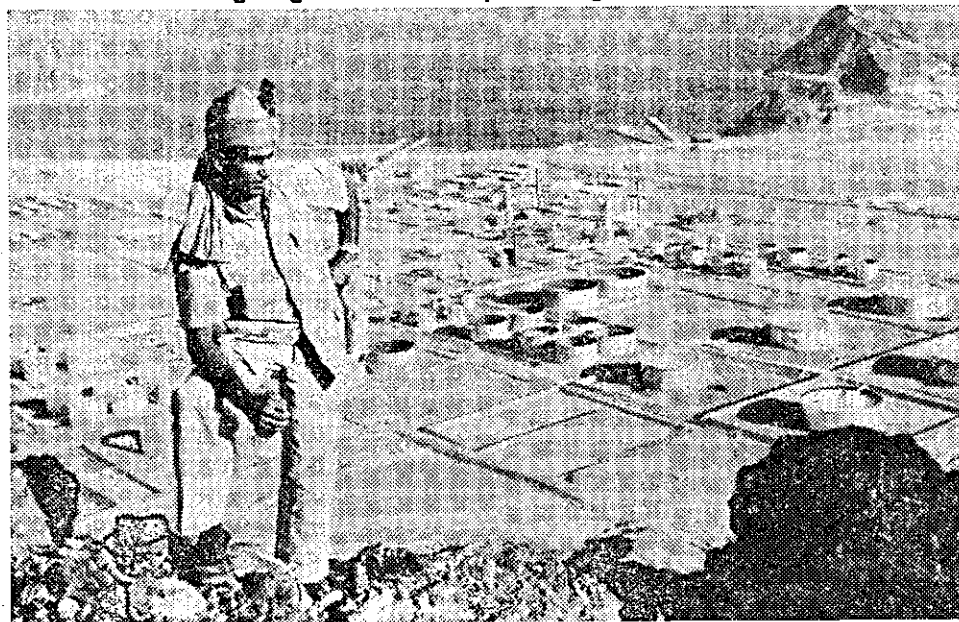
News in Pictures



Prosperous Western-style shops are made possible by visitors from ships calling here, and by residents serving with the Army, Navy and RAF



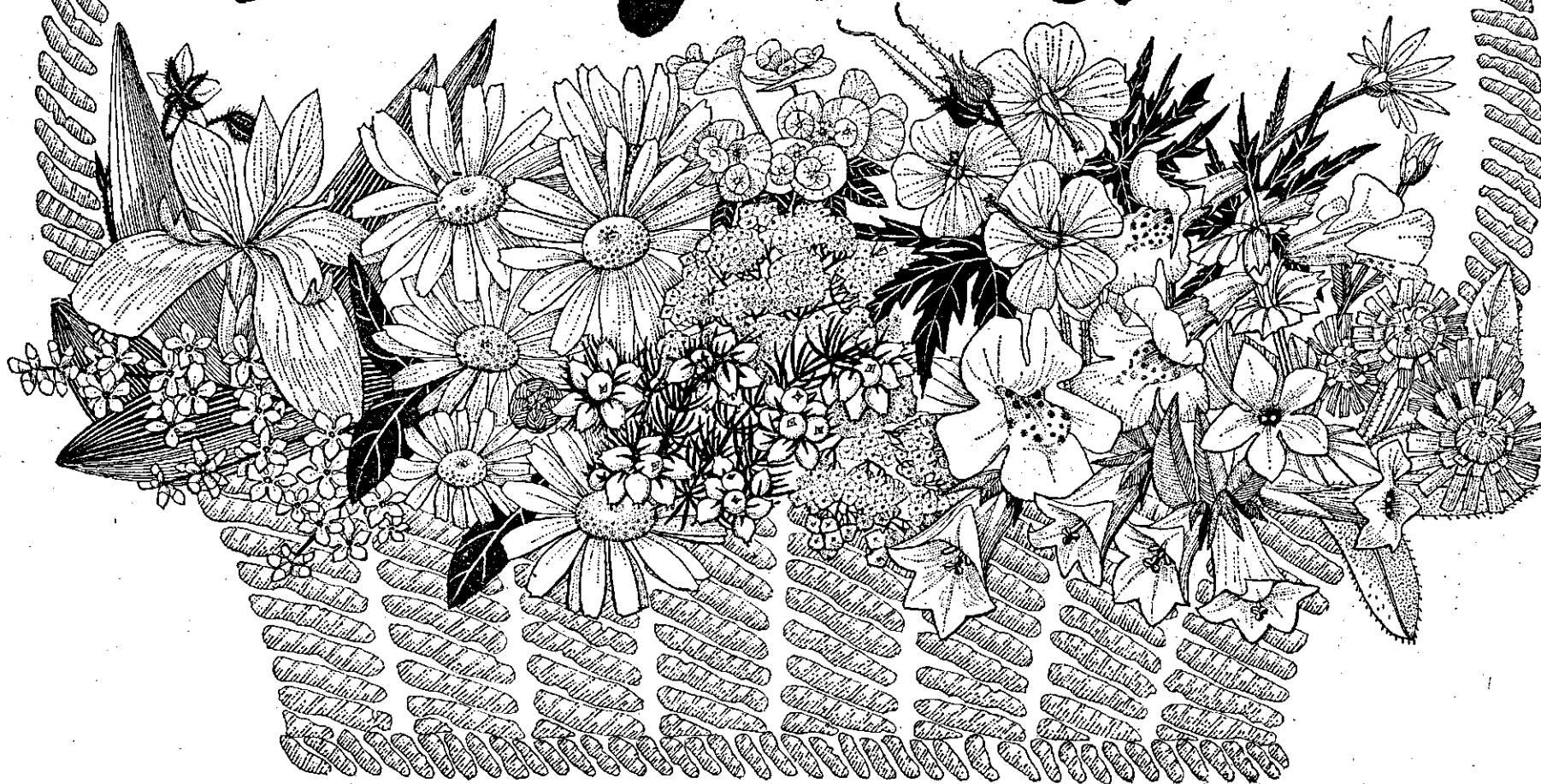
The town of Baihan which gives its name to one of the Aden Protectorate States, has seen much fighting. British troops have gone to the Amir's assistance



Oil is the key to the struggle between East and West in Arabia. Here is a refinery at Aden where big ships take in fuel

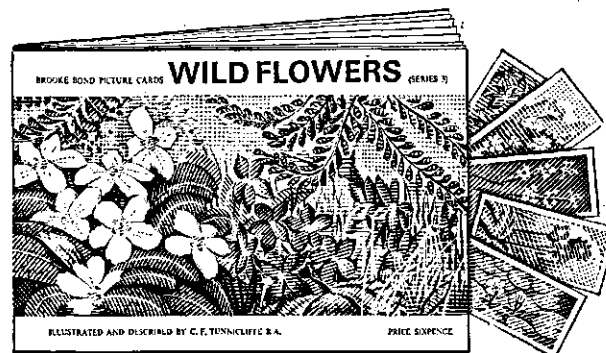
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The Children's Newspaper, 6th June, 1964

Achilles finally avenged the death of his friend, Patroclus (whom the Trojan hero Hector had killed), when before the gates of Troy he pierced Hector's armour. With his last breath, the mortally wounded Hector pleaded with Achilles to honour his body by the ritual of fire, which he asked should be carried out by his own family and friends.

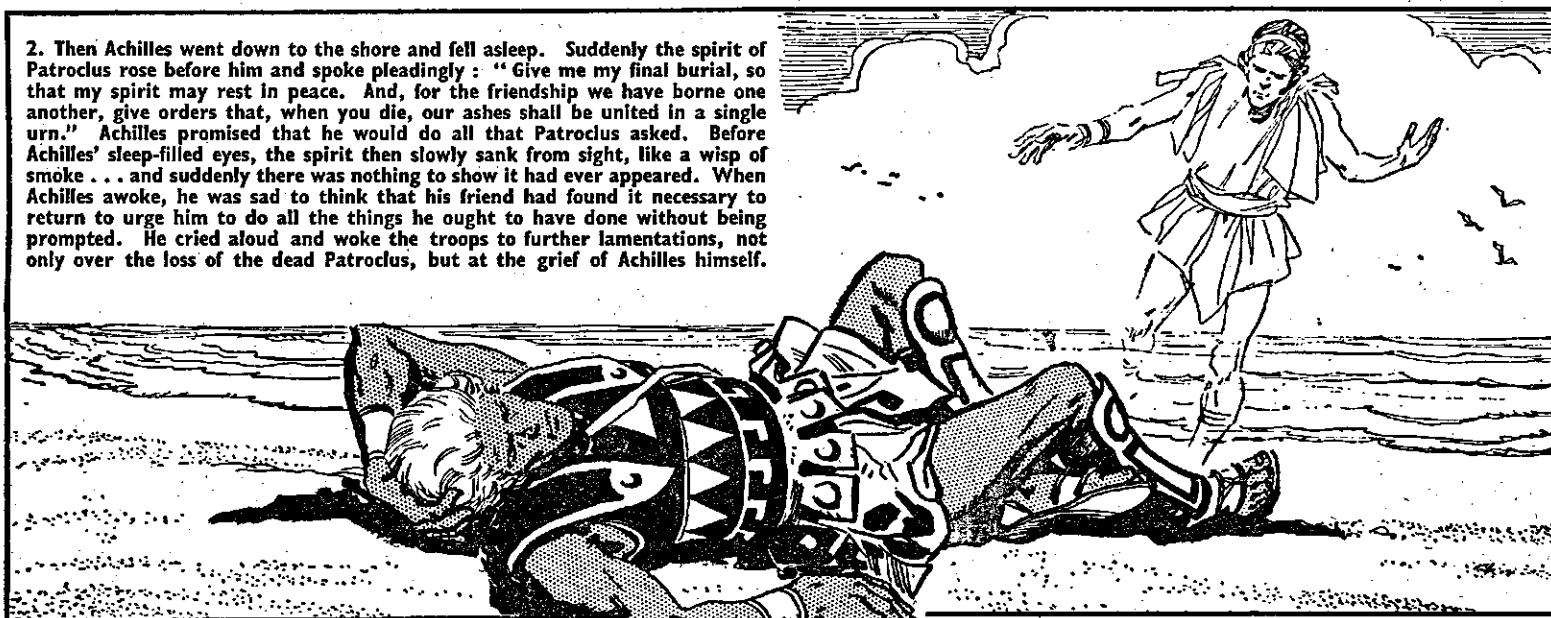
THE ILIAD

Part 24

1. Achilles paid no heed to Hector's dying wishes. Nor did he think of the dead man's family, to whom an honourable burial according to their belief would mean so much. Instead he had Hector's body tied behind his chariot, and, putting his horses at the gallop, dragged it around in the dust outside the city wall. Such extreme cruelty was due to the grief Achilles still felt at the loss of Patroclus, and the bitterness he felt toward his killer, Hector. Finally, Hector was dragged to the pyre built for Patroclus, which Achilles thought would please his dead friend.

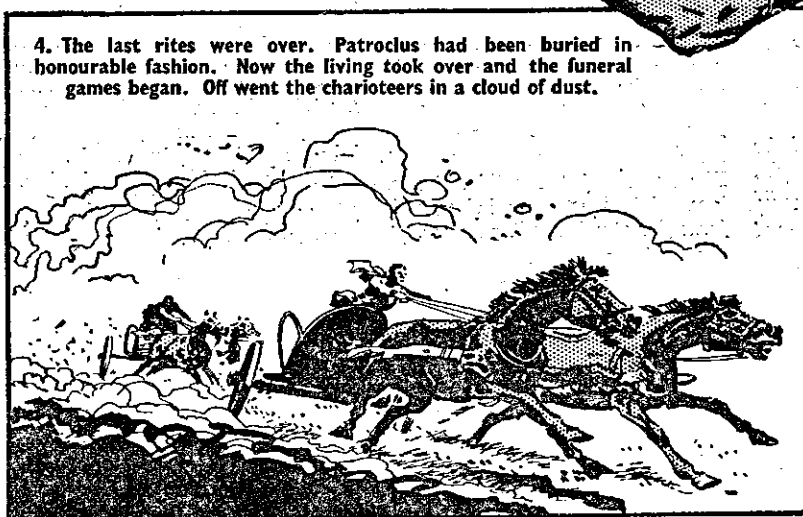


2. Then Achilles went down to the shore and fell asleep. Suddenly the spirit of Patroclus rose before him and spoke pleadingly: "Give me my final burial, so that my spirit may rest in peace. And, for the friendship we have borne one another, give orders that, when you die, our ashes shall be united in a single urn." Achilles promised that he would do all that Patroclus asked. Before Achilles' sleep-filled eyes, the spirit then slowly sank from sight, like a wisp of smoke... and suddenly there was nothing to show it had ever appeared. When Achilles awoke, he was sad to think that his friend had found it necessary to return to urge him to do all the things he ought to have done without being prompted. He cried aloud and woke the troops to further lamentations, not only over the loss of the dead Patroclus, but at the grief of Achilles himself.

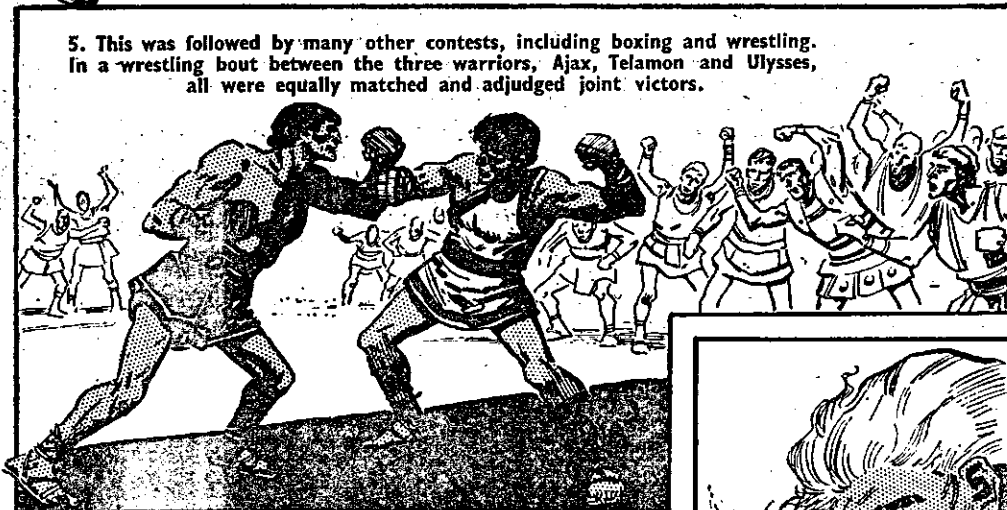


3. Meanwhile, Agamemnon had ordered the troops to gather wood for the pyre. When a great pile had been made, Patroclus' body was gently placed on top, together with locks of hair from other heroes in token of their final homage. Achilles then asked Agamemnon to send the troops away, saying he would like only the Greek Commanders to stay as mourners. The pyre was slow to catch fire, and Achilles implored the wind to come to their aid. Soon a huge blaze flared in the sky, and later the great Patroclus' ashes were gathered into a golden urn and buried.

4. The last rites were over. Patroclus had been buried in honourable fashion. Now the living took over and the funeral games began. Off went the charioteers in a cloud of dust.



5. This was followed by many other contests, including boxing and wrestling. In a wrestling bout between the three warriors, Ajax, Telamon and Ulysses, all were equally matched and adjudged joint victors.



6. Next was a running contest, which was won by Ulysses, with Ajax a close second. Swordsmen tried their skill, and then the archers. Such bouts thrilled the onlookers as much as the contestants. All the recent horrors of the battle were temporarily forgotten. The men had fought hard and now, relaxed and refreshed, they played hard. The dead belonged to yesterday. Today was for the living—for all but one sorrowing Greek warrior.



7. Achilles was still tormented by the memory of Patroclus. After the games, when the others returned to their tents, Achilles sat wide-awake and sick at heart, still grieving over his great friend.

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2. _____ hot pot
3. _____ pasties
4. _____ turkey
5. _____ pudding

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STAMPS IN TWO LANGUAGES

ONE of the most popular of the small countries in the stamp album is Andorra, the mountain State of 5,000 inhabitants which nestles high in the Pyrenees, between France and Spain.

Andorra is not one of those countries which issue long and expensive series simply to tempt collectors to part with their money. Its stamps have attractive designs and most of them are low in price.

Anyone forming a collection of Andorran stamps soon notices a strange thing about them. Some issues are printed in Spain and have their values and inscriptions in Spanish. Pictured here is one of this type. It shows



a mountain flower, the edelweiss, and is inscribed "Andorra—Correos." The latter is the Spanish word for "Postage."

Other issues resemble French stamps. They have values in francs or centimes and their



inscription is in French, "Postes—Andorre."

The answer to this puzzle lies in Andorra's history. For nearly 700 years the little State has been

under the joint protection of France and Spain, and these two countries run separate postal services in Andorra. In the chief village, Andorre-le-Vieille, the Spanish and French post offices stand side by side—but sell different stamps.

In 1789, at the time of the French Revolution, France decided to give Andorra its independence. But the Andorrans feared that, if they accepted this, they would very soon find themselves swallowed up by Spain. So in 1806

by C. W. Hill

they petitioned the Emperor Napoleon, asking to be taken back under French protection. Napoleon agreed, and joint French and Spanish rule was restored to Andorra.

A new stamp issued by the French Post Office in Andorra recalls this event. Pictured in the previous column, it shows the Emperor handing to the Andorran representatives the document giving his consent to their petition.

The late President Kennedy is honoured by a new series of stamps from Sierra Leone. Like the series issued there in February, the new stamps are self-adhesive. Like the previous series, too, they are printed in the shape of a map of Sierra Leone.

The new stamps, which have



been produced by the Walsall Lithographic Company, show a small portrait of the President. The inscription reads: "John F. Kennedy, Friend of the African People."

Also pictured here is the design of the new 5-cents stamp issued in the United States to honour the late President.

The inscription is a quotation from a speech made by President



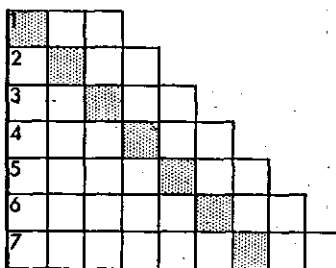
Kennedy three years ago. He was appealing to all Americans to join him in fighting the common enemies of man—tyranny, poverty, disease, and war itself.

By doing this, he added, they would light a fire in the United States "and the glow from that fire can truly light the world."

PICK A PUZZLE

CLASSICAL QUIZ

Answer the clues correctly and the letters in the shaded squares will, when re-arranged, spell the name of a winged horse in mythology.



1 God of shepherds. 2 Jupiter's wife. 3 The seeker of the golden fleece. 4 Winged creature whose look turned men to stone. 5 He slew Medusa and rescued Andromeda. 6 Creature with the body of a man and the head of a bull. 7 Mountain home of Apollo and the Muses.

CHEESE, PLEASE!

Can you say in which countries the following cheeses are produced?

Gouda, Gruyère, Parmesan, Stilton, Camembert.

ANIMALS IN SPACE

The names of two wild animals, inserted in the spaces below, will form five words reading across.

C - U - E
C - N - C
V - R - E
S - E - R
D - I - Y

PICK THE POP STARS

Re-arrange the letters in the words below to spell one of Britain's leading pop groups.

SHINGLE TONER SLOT

WORD SQUARE

The answers to the four clues will, if written below each other, read the same down as across.

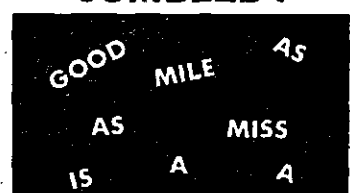
Fail to hit
Lazy
Gradual
Stitched

SPEED PUZZLE

Answer the clues correctly, and the initial letters, read downwards, will spell the name of an English lake on which many world water speed records have been broken.

Spider's home
To damage
The present
Palm fruit
Deserve
Migratory bird with a red breast
Ascend
Fit to eat
Impolite
Where the Sun rises

JUMBLED!



Can you arrange these words so that they spell a well-known phrase or saying?

ALL CHANGE

Can you change the word WARM to COLD in four moves, altering only one letter at a time and always forming a complete word?

Answers to puzzles are on page 12

C N fiction

1. The Terrible Crime

"BUT you can't do that, you can't!" My voice rose in a mixture of disbelief and horror.

"I am afraid I am forced to," said Anthea.

Anthea was living with us—my brother David, who is 14, my crippled sister Marianne, who is 15, and me, Susan, David's twin. She had been with us for two weeks, since our parents had gone hurriedly to Spain (being archaeologists, they always seem to have to dash off in the middle of our holidays), leaving so hastily that they had not time to check the terrible monster they had left in charge of us.

Actually Anthea didn't really look like a monster. We just liked to think of her as one since she thought we were noisy, careless, untidy children.

And she never let us take picnic lunches and go out with the ponies all day as we used to do in the holidays. So, altogether, things were a little strained at Ballyreagh House, our home about 30 miles outside Belfast.

However, worst of all was the Terrible Crime.

David and I each had a pony and as well as these there were three donkeys in our paddock



BERNAGH BRIMS

She was still a schoolgirl when she wrote *Runaway Riders*

helping to keep the grass down that summer. Anthea had a horror of them getting out and she told us about six times a day to be sure and keep the meadow gate shut.

Well, you've probably guessed it; one day the gate wasn't shut and my pony, Brandy, walked up the garden path and peered in through the open sitting-room window. Unfortunately, Anthea came in just as he was starting on a second mouthful of her straw hat. She let out a scream which I heard two floors up in the attic and we all came dashing in. Anthea lost her temper and it was in the middle of this that David glanced out of the window and saw his pony and all the donkeys tramping over the lawn and in the flowerbeds.

It was then that Anthea said those fateful words which were to begin our Great Adventure. She just told me, as calmly as if she was switching on a light, that we couldn't go to the Dublin Horse Show—the show for which we had worked and practised for literally years, to be good enough to enter!

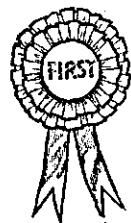
"But you can't do that, you simply can't," I stammered.

"I am in charge of you while your parents are away, and I feel it would be unwise to permit you to go," Anthea answered. I felt she was gloating happily on the thought that she was "getting her own back" for the wrongs she thought we had done her.

"But all the practising we've

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Runaway Riders



done! Mummy and Dad promised we could go. It's only a week away, the Boxes are booked and everything!" I cried.

Anthea only gave a tight-lipped smile and inclined her head. For her the interview was over.

I gave one heartbroken yell and charged out of the room. The Dublin Horse Show, which was to have been the biggest thrill of our lives, was to go on without us! It was all too miserable to think about.

I DASHED outside and round to the back of the house and into the meadow where all the late-spring grass had been piled into a big stack in the middle of the field. Right on top of the stack I saw my brother, who was lazily reading a book.

"She says we can't go to the Horse Show!" I yelled up at him. David gave me an unbelieving look.

"What do you mean?" he growled.

"I mean it. Honestly. She won't let us go!" We always called Anthea "She" or "Her" when she wasn't there.

The horror of it seemed to be dawning on him. "You mean we can't go?"

"Yes!" I had given up being miserable and was now furious.

"But she can't do that," David said. "It's only a week away. The stalls are booked, and anyway, it wasn't Brandy's fault the gate was left open."

"I know, I told her that," I agreed miserably.

"Well she jolly well can't do it! I'm going in to see her," my brother declared hotly, and slid off the haystack and went in.

"I shall go and do something desperate to her in a minute," I thought, "and it will be her fault. Oh, it will be the end of everything if we can't go!"

Later, when David came back and climbed on to the stack again, I could see from his face that it had been no use.

"She won't even give me a decent reason either," he growled.

"I know, but what can we do? There must be something."

"Well, there isn't." My brother was feeling unhelpful in his disappointment.

We sat in gloomy silence.

"I'd love to get on the ponies and ride there," I said after a while.

David's face lit up the way it does when an idea suddenly dawns. He jumped up off the stack in excitement.

"That's it!" he exclaimed.

"You've got it!"

"What?" I said stupidly.

"We'll run away, of course! That's a smashing idea!"

I could think of millions of things wrong with the idea, but some of David's enthusiasm had

infected me. It was something out of the ordinary to do, something "story-book" that we had never done before.

"But it's hundreds of miles away," I faltered uncertainly.

"It's only about 90, we could do it." Nothing would stop my brother now.

"Ninety miles, in six days?" I did some frantic arithmetic. "That's about 15 miles a day! The ponies would be dead tired before we got there."

"We could take them slowly, and they're all young and fit. It's an idea anyway, better than moping here."

"Yippee!" I yelled, "we're going to the Horse Show!"

"Ssh," David cautioned. "It's got to be a secret."

"Yes, but we'll have to tell Martin and Clare . . . and

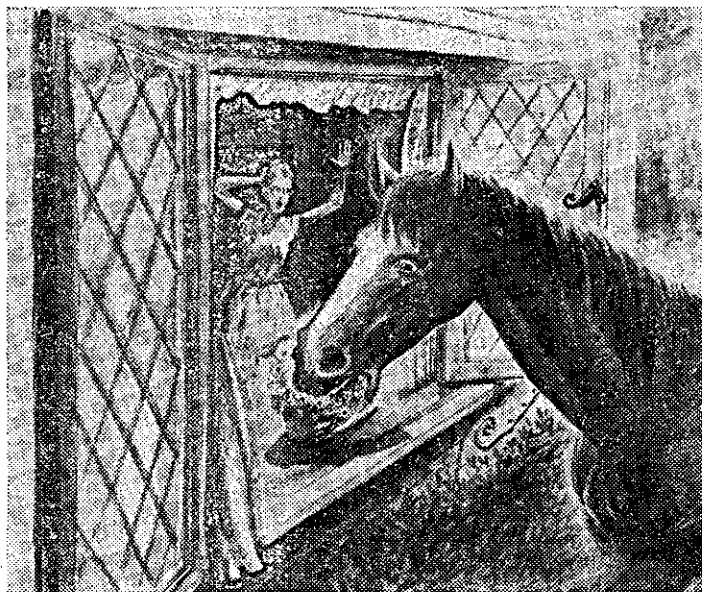
without being called a horse and is very good at jumping and I adore him.

David's pony is called Silver Snipe. She is not nearly as grand as her name implies, being a rather tubby little grey. Clare's pony is called Mistrust. She is a bay, and next to Brandy I love her best. Martin's pony is jet black and called Sooty and he is very handsome but unfortunately rather bad-tempered.

WE were ready and saddled up at last, and trotting down the road to the Grahams's house. We didn't have to go in, because we found them sitting outside on the garden wall, Clare reading *Vanity Fair* as one of her holiday tasks, and Martin trying to learn a set of geometry theorems.

They put their books down thankfully when they saw us and we joined them on the wall and told them all about it. They were not very keen on the running-away idea, but when we told them all about Anthea, they agreed it was the only thing to do.

So we began making plans. They would have to be kept secret, we decided, that is from everyone but Marianne. We felt very guilty about her, because she would be left at home to bear the first shock of Anthea's rage when she discovered we had gone.



Brandy was starting on a second mouthful of Anthea's hat

Marianne. I know, Martin and Clare could come with us!"

"Oh, yes. Let's go and tell them now."

I had better explain now who these two are. They are brother and sister. Martin is a year older than us, Clare a year younger and Martin is David's best friend and Clare is mine, so we all fit in very nicely.

Well, David and I dashed up to the tiny shed which is flattered with the name "tack-room," to fetch all our tack. Then we went slowly into the paddock, our bridles behind our backs and some corn in our outstretched hands, towards our ponies who were standing cropping the grass. We caught the ponies quite easily because they hadn't been exercised that morning and wanted to go out. We tied them to the fence while we brushed the worst of their mud off.

My pony is a chestnut with a white star. He is called Brandy-snap, and I've already told about him in the Terrible Crime. He is as tall as a pony is allowed to be

Martin said. "I say, this is going to be smashing."

All of a sudden we realised what a big thing we had taken on, and what fun it would be if we pulled it off successfully. This was no mere camping holiday, no overnight picnic; this was real, serious, running-away, and we loved it!

We decided that David, whose idea it had been, would arrange our route. He would buy the maps and decide the best way to go, and would be our "navigator" on the way. Martin, who owned the tents and was a Scout, would be our chief-camper and would check all our equipment and be responsible for putting up the tents each night. Clare and I were to share the doubtful joy of supervising the food and doing the cooking. Each person would be responsible for their own gear and their own pony.

You may wonder why we would hack ponies good enough to compete in the Dublin Horse Show all the way to Dublin. But you see, when you have only one pony, they get used to being asked to do all sorts of things—such as gymkhanas, hacking, jumping and even walking half-way down Ireland. Certainly, our ponies would not arrive at the show and step out of a smart Horse Box, but we hoped that, even if they looked shaggy, they would stand the same chance.

"CAN anyone think of anything else?" said David, scribbling things madly down in his notebook.

"No . . . except where are we going to stay in Dublin?" said Clare.

"Help, we never thought of that," said Martin. "Let's see . . . It would be a bit cheeky to go into a hotel and charge it to our parents, wouldn't it?"

"Yes, we couldn't do that!" agreed David. "I don't know. We'll have to wait till we get there. There might be somewhere where we could camp, just for the nights."

"But the ponies will keep their reserved stalls at the show, even if we have to pay for them ourselves," I said, and on that we were all agreed.

As the show was exactly seven days tomorrow (which was a Tuesday) we would have to make what we hoped would be a silent departure very early on Wednesday morning. That gave us just one day in which to complete our preparations.

And that was how our Great Adventure began.

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THE MAKING OF AN ATHLETE

The Hurdler

FOR boys, this event is over 80 yards and seven hurdles, each 2 feet 9 inches high. The distance from the start to the first hurdle is 15 yards, and the space between hurdles is 8 yards. From the last hurdle to the finishing line is 17 yards.

For girls, the height of the hurdle is 2 feet 6 inches.

Hurdling means sprinting, and as much time should be spent on the latter as the former.

In training, everything must be aimed at clearing the hurdle at the

remember are that, to be a good hurdler, you must be supple. Special exercises that imitate the hurdle action are done by all great hurdlers. These include placing the take-off leg bent in hurdling action along a hurdle and touching the ground next to what would be the leading-leg with the right hand; high-kicking and leaning against a wall at arms-length, and doing the horizontal leg-clearing action of the take-off leg as it clears the hurdle. This is done non-stop.

The chief faults to guard against are: reaching the first hurdle below maximum speed; not leaning the body forward enough at take-off; jumping instead of driving across the hurdle; trying to clear the hurdle without keeping the leading leg straight; and failing to land with the body-weight over the leading foot.

When making your first attempts, keep to only three hurdles, placed three sprinting strides apart. Always measure the run up to the first one accurately and get your start right. The hurdles need be only 2 feet high.

When you become supple and proficient, start hurdling over higher hurdles (boys, 3 feet, girls, 2 feet 9 inches) once a week as part of your strength training. And study the marks made by your spikes on the track.

Next week: The Discus

greatest possible speed without affecting the sprinting action.

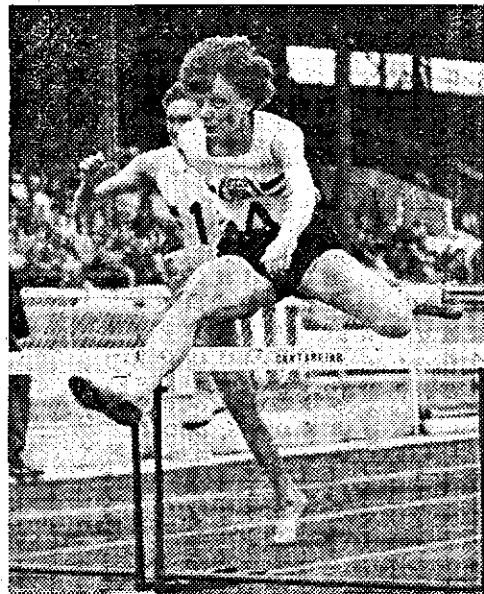
This means that a stride-plan must be adhered to so that your take-off leg goes down about 5 feet from the hurdle (as you grow up this gradually becomes 7 feet) and your lead-leg lands about 3 feet over the hurdle (4 feet as you grow up).

The first 15 yards of the race should be covered in eight strides.

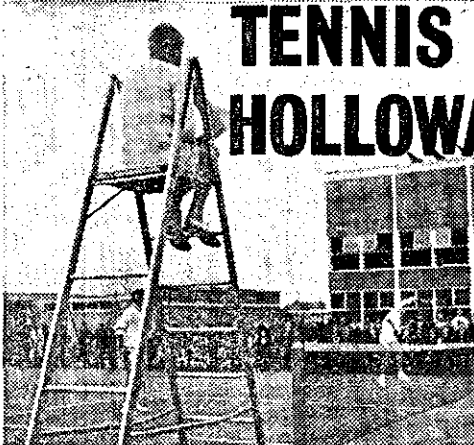
If you find yourself taking-off on the eighth stride with the wrong foot (the left one for a right-foot jumper), reverse the position of your feet on the starting blocks. This will then ensure that you arrive at the hurdle on the correct take-off foot.

Next, you must get the stride-plan between hurdles the same. Three strides are taken between the hurdles. Since you land 4 ft. over the hurdle, your follow-up stride will be 5 ft. This leaves you two strides to take for 15 ft. less 5 ft. for the take-off.

The actual technique of hurdling was described in the article on steeple-chasing (CN issue dated 11th April). The main points to



Note the leg action of Britain's Betty Moore, who shares the world record for the 80 metres hurdles with Gisela Birkmeyer of Germany



TENNIS STARS AT HOLLOWAY SCHOOL

By the
Sports
Editor

Trevor Hartley (17), the school's star, takes the umpire's chair

AT the Holloway Comprehensive School in Islington, north London, some 1,250 boys have a wide choice of games—cricket, football, athletics, gymnastics, badminton, basketball, swimming, or golf. And tennis, which was added to the list the other evening.

Mr. Alan Duncan Wright, the school's Sports Master, who had invited masters from 50 London schools to see the opening of this new section, took me along to one of the school's hard courts. There, four top-class players were giving a demonstration of shots accompanied by a commentary from the umpire's chair by Mr. Jack Moore, Manager of the Lawn Tennis Foundation.

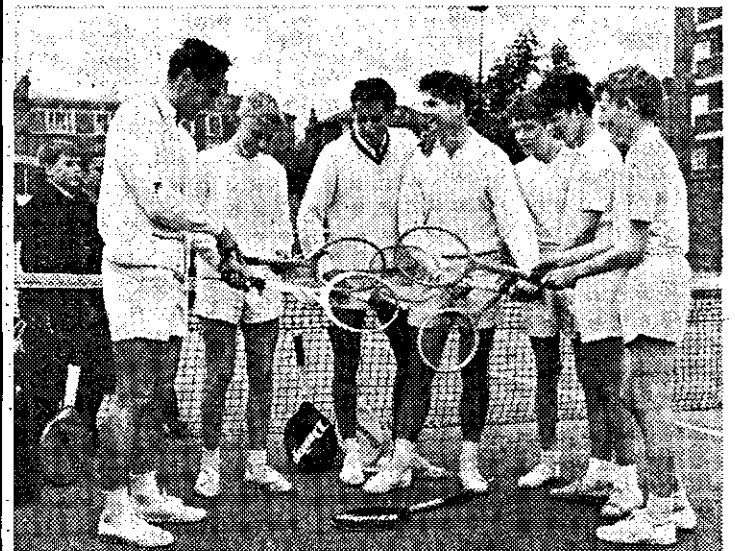
The four players were John Barrett (Britain's Davis Cup captain), Alan Mills, and two young South Africans, David Phillips and Terry Ryan. After the demonstration, some of the pupils were invited to try certain shots against them, and quickly showed that they had absorbed much of what they had seen. Later, John Barrett and the other three were kept busy answering questions and passing on tips about the finer points of the game.

Both visitors and pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves,

and that is Mr. Wright's main aim. He has two other teachers helping him—Jack Detchon and Peter Norris, both graduates from the Loughborough College of Physical Education. All feel that the boys should be coached in the game they have chosen to play. There is no compulsion for them to play any particular game, Mr. Wright and his colleagues believing that if a boy prefers basketball, say, to football, or weightlifting to sprinting—then he should be encouraged to do so.

Rewards

This attitude has had its practical as well as its theoretical rewards. The school won three cups at football last season, and—as CN readers already know—left-back Tommy Youlden was chosen for the England schoolboy team. It also has London swimming champions in Brian Hardy and Mike Hendon, and outstanding athletics performers.



John Barrett (left) with Trevor Hartley, Tony Ryan and Alan Mills, and some of the tennis-playing boys of Holloway School

TRENT BRIDGE TEST

THE Trent Bridge ground is the scene of the First Test match, which opens this Thursday.

In the long innings of Test cricket, the two countries have met ten times at Trent Bridge. England have won only two of the matches, three going to Australia, with the rest drawn. The last time England won was in 1930.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

(P.3): Do you know? The Bab el Mandeb Straits, between the famous Perim Island and French Somaliland; Since 1937—from 1839 until then it was governed as part of British India; Federation of Arab Amirates of the South (1959-62).

CN Chess Club (P.3):

1. QxP ch
2. QxQ R-R8 mate
If white does not capture the Black Queen he must lose his own.
(P.4): Crossword Puzzle: ACROSS.
3 Politics. 7 Kariba. 8 Voodoo.
9 Baboon. 10 Terminus. 12 Heed.
14 Rosette. 17 Mode. 19 Vanguard.
21 Remedy. 23 Mallet. 25 Lister.
26 Pastoral. DOWN: 1 Manage.
2 Silo. 3 Paint. 4 Leveret. 5 Too.
6 Crocus. 11 Item. 13 Drag.
15 Scatter. 16 Canada. 18 Dodger.
20 Drill. 22 Mass. 24 Lot.

(P.10): Classical Quiz:

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JASON
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PARNASSUS

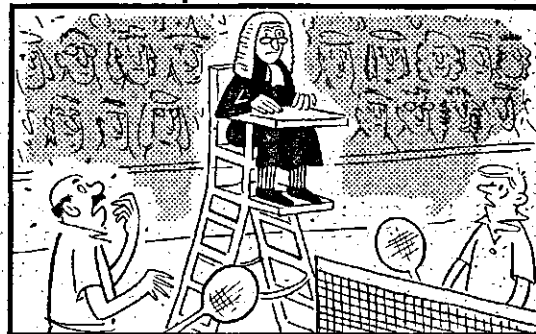
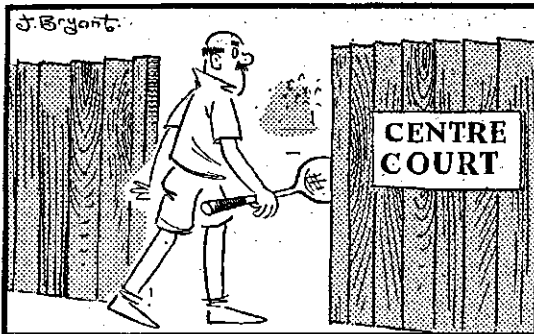
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